



HE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Gutowska

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POLYMER AND METHOD OF MAKING

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Examiner: Jeffrey Mullis

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box RCE Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

TC 1700 Responsive to the Advisory Action dated 03/26/02 Applicant has filed a Request for Continuing Examination and herewith sets forth the following preliminary amendments and remarks toward reconsideration for allowance. Applicant requests a two month extension of time and encloses a fee sheet for the fee, believed to be about \$200.

In his Advisory Action dated 03/26/02, the Examiner indicated that the Applicant's amendment filed January 28, 2002 had not been entered since the newly added limitation would require further consideration and/or search. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Applicant's amendment filed January 28, 2002 now be entered. The Applicant notes the Examiner's removal of rejections under 35 USC 112 first paragraph as well as rejection relying on Bae '055, and expresses the Applicant's appreciation for that removal.